



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[4910-EX-P]

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0051]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of denials.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its denial of 60 applications from individuals who requested an exemption from the Federal vision standard applicable to interstate truck and bus drivers and the reasons for the denials. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions does not provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal vision standard for a renewable 2-year period if it finds “such an exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that

would be achieved absent such an exemption.” The procedures for requesting an exemption are set forth in 49 CFR part 381.

Accordingly, FMCSA evaluated 60 individual exemption requests on their merit and made a determination that these applicants do not satisfy the criteria eligibility or meet the terms and conditions of the Federal exemption program. Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition on the exemption request. Those decision letters fully outlined the basis for the denial and constitute final Agency action. The list published in this notice summarizes the Agency’s recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) by periodically publishing names and reasons for denial.

The following nine applicants had no experience operating a CMV:

Erica K. Boggs	Leslie L. Dana	George S. Ginder
Destin R. Huerd	Edison Joe	Miles K. Manross
Paul R. Oja	Brandon C. Shepard	Dontrell D. Williams

The following nine applicants did not have three years of experience driving a CMV on public highways with their vision deficiencies:

Osman M. Adanalic	William R. Bissell	David A. Crawford
Michael J. Floyd	Carlson Koyukuk	Abel D. Ordonez
Richard A. Paplow	Stephen J. Smith	Arlyn E. Witker

The following four applicants did not have three years of recent experience driving a CMV with the vision deficiency:

Carl Jones III	Jim Pace
Jeffrey G. Sherrill	Veronica N. Washington

The following two applicants did not have sufficient driving experience during the past three years under normal highway operating conditions:

William L. Bowers	Bridget Johnson
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The following applicant, Richard Anthony, had his CDL suspended in relation to a moving violation during the three-year period. Applicants do not qualify for an exemption with a suspension during the three-year period.

The following five applicants were unable to obtain a statement from an optometrist or ophthalmologist stating that he was able to operate a commercial vehicle from a vision standpoint:

Cesar A. Guridy, Jr.	Arthur L. Mabb	Winston Merrick
Barnett K. Moss, Sr.	Donald J. Wilson	

The following applicant, Larry Defrain, did not have stable vision for the entire three-year period.

The following two applicants did not meet the vision standard in their better eye:

Leonard Hixon	Ryan R. Kepford
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The following nine applicants met the current federal vision standards.

Exemptions are not required for applicants who meet the current regulations for vision:

John A. Ashworth	Ronaldo A. M. Curva	Robert L. Downs
Harry J. Glynn	Julian Gonzales	Linda Jones-Hawkins
Frederik J. Koning	Pedro Torres	Robert M. Walls

The following 15 applicants were denied because they will not be driving interstate, interstate commerce, or are not required to carry a DOT medical card:

Everardo G. Cantu	Gale D. Funke	Jeffrey W. Graham
Dillon L. Hendren	Noel C. Hill	Edgar I. IzquierdoGarcia
Robert Jasniewicz	Eric J. Johnson	Marion D. Kellstadt
Jeffrey E. Leisenring, Sr.	Leonard B. Mulkey	Michael K. Preslar
Vernon D. Roberts	Barbara H. Smith	Kyle O. Wrisley

Finally, the following three applicants perform transportation for the federal government, state, or any political sub-division of the state.

Robert L. Bick	James L. Lockwood	Fredrick D. McCaskill
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Larry W. Minor,
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